

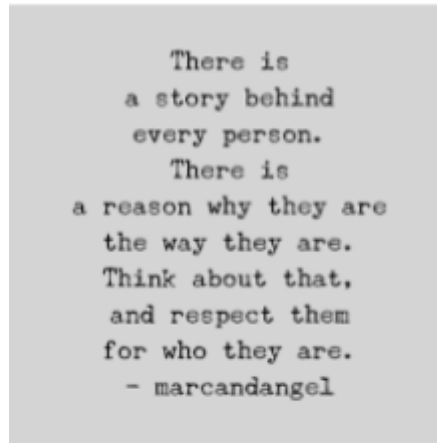
# Collective Worship

**This week's theme:** 'Get in touch' to realise your impact on others.

**The Bible tells us:**



**Inspirational quote:**



## Thought for the week

The way we treat others says everything about who we are. The way Jesus lived his life gives us an example of how we could be leading our best lives - by looking out for those in need and treating them well. How can we be more like Jesus this week?

## This week

In collective worship this week we have been reflecting on the importance of understanding each other better so that we can really respect each other and show compassion.

Mr Taylor told us a story in his collective worship about a lady called Toni who was struggling, emotionally and financially. Pennies short of keeping her electricity on over Christmas, she went to ask her local shopkeeper for help. But then a homeless man, Jack, offered Toni his last five pence. This simple act of giving would alter both their lives in profound ways. The couple ended up falling in love and wanted to get married. This humbling story was shared and soon hairdressers, florists, photographers and many others were keen to help support Jack and Toni's wedding plans by offering their services for free. Isn't it incredible how these small acts of kindness, starting with 5p, can make ripples that turn into waves that lead to many people sharing and being generous and flooding people with kindness?

The Reading Ambassadors launched our Readathon challenge and have encouraged us to read, read, read! We are hoping to raise lots of money for 'Read for Good', a charity that gives books to children in hospital and funds storyteller visits to cheer them up. What a privilege it is to be able to read and enjoy delving into another world through stories; let's help support children having a difficult time, by reading!

Mr Carr reminded us that we are all uniquely made in God's image and, as it says in Romans 15:7, we should accept one another for who we are, just as God has accepted us. He talked about how each part of our body is different and has a specific job but all parts of the body are needed to work together so that we can function as human beings. This is the same for us as people: we are all different and so need to bring our skills sets and talents together to be as impactful as we possibly can be.

We pray that through us getting to know each other, we will better understand the differences between us and be able to respect each other. We pray that through treating each other well, we can create small ripples that become big waves that flood the school community with a sense of belonging.